

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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**To: State Clearinghouse, Responsible and Trustee Agencies, Property Owners, and All Interested Parties**

**From: Lisa Orsaba, Environmental Project Manager**

**Subject: NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION: Pacific Gas and Electric Company's Fulton-Fitch Mountain Reconductoring Project in Sonoma County, California**

**Date: July 20, 2017**

Pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) General Order 131-D, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) filed an application with the CPUC for a Permit to Construct the Fulton-Fitch Mountain Reconductoring Project (proposed project) (Application No. A.15-12-005).

### Project Summary

PG&E proposes to reinforce the electric transmission system in central Sonoma County by replacing the conductor on a 9.8-mile-long section of the Fulton-Hopland 60-kV Power Line (Fulton-Hopland line) between Fulton Substation and Fitch Mountain Substation. The proposed project would include replacing poles along 8 miles of the Fulton-Hopland line, replacing conductor on 1.4 miles of the Geysers #12-Fulton 230-kV Transmission Line (Geysers #12-Fulton line), and making modifications to Fitch Mountain Substation. The proposed project would primarily be in unincorporated Sonoma County and a small portion of the Town of Windsor, between Larkfield-Wikiup and the Russian River.

PG&E's stated objectives of the proposed project are to alleviate a potential overload condition identified by California Independent System Operator and to increase the capacity of the Fulton-Hopland line to meet increasing demand in the region. Construction of the proposed project is preliminarily scheduled to begin in July 2018. The construction start date would depend on CPUC approval, and would last approximately 18 months.

### Information Available

The CPUC prepared a Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (Draft IS/MND) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act to evaluate the potential environmental impacts associated with the project's construction, operation, and maintenance. The Draft IS/MND identifies those impacts that could be significant and presents mitigation measures which, if adopted by the CPUC, would avoid or minimize these impacts to less-than-significant levels. Copies of the Draft IS/MND are available for review at the following locations:

<p>Windsor Regional Library 9291 Old Redwood Highway Building 100 Windsor, CA 95492</p>	<p>CPUC Energy Division 505 Van Ness Avenue, 4th Floor San Francisco, CA 94102</p>
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The Draft IS/MND is also available on the project website:

<http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/Environment/info/panoramaenv/Fulton-Fitch/Fulton-Fitch.html>

This website will be used to post all public documents and announcements during the environmental review process.

### **Public and Agency Comments**

The Draft IS/MND is being circulated for a 30-day public review and comment period from July 21, 2017 through August 21, 2017. During this period, the public and other interested parties may submit written comments and concerns regarding the proposed project and the adequacy of the Draft IS/MND. Written comments on the Draft IS/MND must be postmarked or received by fax or e-mail **no later than August 21, 2017**.

The CPUC will not consider anonymous comments. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations and businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be publicly disclosed in their entirety. Written comments on the Draft IS/MND should be submitted by U.S. mail, fax, or email to:

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